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C O N F I D E N T I A L VIENTIANE 929

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OREP, MILI
SUBJECT: CODEL MONTGOMERY-FOLLOW UP: LAO VISIT TO JCRC/CIL

1. DURING HIS CODEL'S VISIT TO VIENTIANE AUGUST 25 AND 26, CHAIRMAN G.V.MONTGOMERY MADE A SPECIFIC PROPOSAL TO THE LAO THAT THEY SEND A TEAM TO THE JCRC/CIL IN HAWAII SIMILAR TO THE TEAM RECENTLY SENT BY THE VIETNAMESE. ACTING UNDER SECRETARY SOUKTHAVONE KEOLA SAID THAT HE WOULD SUBMIT THE PROPOSAL TO QTE HIGHER AUTHORITY UNQTE.

2. THE EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO FOLLOW UP MR. MONTGOMERY'S PROPOSAL WITH A SPECIFIC INVITATION FROM THE DEPARTMENTS OF STATE AND DEFENSE. GIVEN THE PARLOUS STATE OF LAO GOVERNMENT FINANCES, IT MIGHT BE NECESSARY TO ASSIST THE LAO WITH THE VISITING TEAM'S TRAVEL COSTS.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: THAT THE DEPARTMENT PROVIDE THE EMBASSY WITH APPROPRIATE INSTRUCTIONS FOR FOLLOWING UP CONGRESSMAN MONTGOMERY'S PROPOSAL THAT THE LAO VISIT CONFIDENTIAL

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